

FATE OF SOCIETIES AND FRATERNITIES IS TO BE KNOWN TODAY

Board of Education's Investigating Committee Meeting to Consider Question Today.

REPORT WILL BE FOLLOWED

Board of Education Head Says He Will Stand by Report Returned.

What result will the executive meeting of Board of Education's investigating committee have on the question of the fraternities? Hundreds of students in high schools, as well as many parents and friends, are anxiously awaiting the answer.

Dr. John Van Schaick, Jr., president of the Board of Education, says that while he is going to follow the course recommended by the committee, there are certain conditions that make abolition of the fraternities a more serious question than appears at first sight. At the meeting of high school principals last week, there was present a principal of a private school in the city. When the abolition of the fraternities was discussed, he said: "A mother came to me some time ago in regard to her son. During the discussion, she mentioned her son's fraternity. I promptly told her that her son did not belong to a fraternity, since they were barred."

Didn't Believe It Possible. "She said that she was sure that the boy did belong, but I told her that for a fraternity to exist in a school as small as mine without my knowledge was practically impossible."

"When she told me that she had entertained her son's fraternity at her home several times in the past two years, I promptly confronted the members and they admitted that the secret society had been in existence for years."

This is a condition that Dr. Van Schaick is considering, he stated. Many admit that without the fraternities school life would be simplified. It is contended that its abolition will be attended with much difficulty, if at all.

Is Big Subject. Superintendent Thurston said of the situation: "The abolition of the fraternities is a big subject, and concerns too many persons to go about any changes promiscuously. I believe that it is a subject that demands most careful consideration."

Steps to stamp out the fraternities are being taken, the superintendent said. The fraternities interests have never been heard, nor have the teachers of the schools. The matter arose at a meeting of the Eastern High School Parent-Teacher Association in the spring. A committee of the association compiled a voluminous report, which was brought before the Board of Education. The board referred it to the present committee, which is now hearing arguments for and against the societies.

Teachers Are Opposed. That a majority of the high school teachers are opposed to the fraternities is evinced by the resolution passed at a meeting of the executive committee of the High School Teachers' Union at Business High School yesterday afternoon.

Representatives of the fraternities addressed members present and stated why they should be recognized. Many questions were asked on both sides. The fraternities members were then excused and the committee discussed the evidence.

Resolution Adopted. The following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, since we are, together with the Board of Education and the school officials, custodians of the public interest in educational matters, we believe it would be disloyal to our trust to sanction or foster an institution which is not open to all, neither public nor democratic; and

"Whereas we believe the existence of fraternities and sororities in the high schools of the District of Columbia are decidedly injurious to the best interests of the school system and to the student life in general; and

"Whereas, a careful canvass of the union members of all the faculties of the white high and normal schools has disclosed an overwhelming sentiment against the continuance of these organizations; therefore,

"Be it Resolved, That the High School Teachers' Union of Washington, D. C., hereby recommends to the Board of Education that every effort be made to abolish the fraternities and sororities in the high schools of the District of Columbia."

The vote of the committee was 9 to 3, with one member abstaining. Prior to the meeting, members of the committee made a canvass of faculties of high schools in the District of Columbia of the status of the fraternities. In two schools members of the union were unanimously opposed to the societies, and in the others, were opposed by a large majority.

The executive committee is to be represented at the meeting today, and its voice against recognition of the fraternities.

SCHELLING TO PLAY AT THE PRESS CLUB

First Ladies' Night Entertainment Tomorrow Evening.

Breast Schelling, America's foremost pianist, will open the National Press Club's season of ladies' nights this evening. He will appear at the club at 9 o'clock tomorrow night.

A special ladies' dinner will be served from 6:00 to 8:00 o'clock. This will be the first of a series of ladies' nights to be given at the club this winter.

Schelling, at seventeen, was the country's most noted boy pianist; today, his genius, at maturity, he is the foremost American pianist.

Schelling was born in Belvidere, N. J., and has studied under Paderewski, Liszt, and other great masters. He has given many recitals in Europe and America, and has been called "the greatest pianist of the century."

His own compositions include the "Fantasy in the Form of Variations."

Expect Many Teachers At Tonight's Meeting

Campaign to Be Launched This Evening to Push Through Pension Plan—Practically All Opposition Disappears.

What is expected to be the biggest mass meeting of Washington school teachers ever held, and the only mass meeting so far in the interest of teachers' pensions, will take place this evening in the large auditorium of the new Central High School.

The meeting tonight will be under the auspices of the High School Teachers' Union. The Central auditorium seats 2,000, and organizers of the meeting expect to have it well filled tonight with teachers.

Opposition Gone. Opposition to the proposed measure, prepared by Herbert D. Brown, of the Federal Bureau of Efficiency, in cooperation with a teachers' committee, has practically disappeared, it was announced today.

Roy C. Claffin, president of the High School Teachers' Union, said that some members of his organization believed at first that a "straight" pension should be advocated instead of a partially contributory plan of the bill now proposed.

He said that an explanation of the bill had brought a change of feeling, and that he believed the vast majority of teachers are prepared to unite in a spirited fight for the measure.

Speakers Tonight. Commissioner Oliver P. Newman, the Rev. Dr. John Van Schaick, president of the Board of Education; F. L. Thurston, superintendent of schools, and Miss Ida B. Fugman, of the Chicago schools, will be the speakers tonight.

Arrangements are now under way for submission of the proposed measure to a referendum of all Washington teachers.

ONLY RUSSIANS CAN RELIEVE ROUMANIA

Renewal of Dobrudja Campaign Expected to Relieve Pressure by Falkenhayn.

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seem to realize that the supreme effort must be made this winter in the field and at home, or approaching exhaustion may seriously interfere with future strategic plans.

SERBIANS CAPTURE SIX MORE VILLAGES

Hot On Heels of Fleeing Bulgar Army.

SALONIKI, Nov. 21.—Serbian forces are hotly pursuing the Bulgarian-German forces retreating toward Ploiești after being forced out of Monastir.

They have captured the towns of Makovo, Oredovo, Vranec, Ridaric, Bitanik, Novak, and Suhadol, despite resistance by re-enforced columns of the enemy. This resistance is more stubborn as fresh troops are being brought to the front.

Serbian cavalry entered Monastir from the east, swimming the Cerna river. In the meantime, the French, Russian, and Italian forces entered the city from the south.

Those of the people left in the city met their liberators and covered them with flowers as they made triumphal progress into the city.

PARIS, Nov. 21.—The Bulgarian-German rear guard of the army that was driven out of Monastir is being closely pressed by the allies, according to the French official statement today. The rear guard, it was stated, is fortified with strong artillery support.

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Dobrudja Campaign Expected to Stem Falkenhayn Drive.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Another Russian offensive along the line from Constanta to Cernavoda is now expected to increase the intensity of the fighting in the Balkans. Military experts here today agreed this was the only step which could be relied upon to lessen the weight of General von Falkenhayn's tremendous pressure on the Wallachian frontier of Roumania—a pressure which it is now admitted constitutes the gravest menace to Roumania.

The Roumanian army is in the greatest danger of being outflanked, if the German official statement specifying near approach of the Teutons to Craiova is accurate.

Awaits Aid From Russia. Unless there is a diversion somewhere else in the Balkan campaign to stop von Falkenhayn's thrust, it appeared almost certain today that complete evacuation of the western part of Roumania would be necessary to save the Roumanian army. This diversion, it is admitted, can best be made by the Russians, because of the ease of transporting re-enforcements via the Black Sea.

Won't Admit Importance of Loss. An Amsterdam dispatch today says Major Morant, the Berlin Tageblatt's military expert, is not admitting the "great strategic importance of Monastir." He was quoted as saying "of course, retreat is unpleasant, but the allies' real success was political—because the Serbians are now in the city. Monastir can't help Roumania."

Amsterdam also quotes the Berlin Vossische Zeitung as characterizing Monastir's loss as "regrettable."

GERMAN TRENCHES IN NORTH FRANCE RAIDED

British Lines South of Grandcourt Heavily Shelled.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Raiding of enemy trenches at Gommecourt, Rocourt and Ypres was reported by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, British commander-in-chief, today.

His statement said the British lines had been heavily shelled by the Germans southwestward of Grandcourt. British forces captured a German night patrol.

PARIS, Nov. 21.—On the western front, the official statement detailed active artillery fire in the Salient and Douaumont regions, with quiet elsewhere.

Gaelic Society to Meet. The Gaelic Society of Washington will meet at the Hickman studio, 1340 New York avenue northwest, tonight. A program of literary and musical numbers concerning the Irish people will be given. Dr. Francis J. Hemelt will speak on "The Gaelic Society of Washington."

Griffith Evans is to sing several selections.

Fears Increased by PROTHROOD HEAD WILSON'S FIRM STAND ON 8-HOUR PROGRAM

Signs Multiply for Great Battle or Series of Battles Over Questions Involved.

HIGHER RATES IN PROSPECT

Strenuous Opposition to President's Railroad Plans Is Assured.

The railroad situation brought on by the wage and hours dispute, and by the Adamson law, with other complications, continue to loom up with menacing prominence today.

The signs for a great battle or series of battles over the railroad questions this winter multiplied today.

President Wilson, in conference with Judge Adamson last night, indicated his purpose to press the program of legislation which he called for last summer at the time the Adamson measure was passed. If he stands by this position, it will mean the demand for a law along the lines of the Canadian law, will be insisted on, and also that demand will be made for enlargement of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and for instructions to the Interstate Commerce Commission to consider whether wage increases justify increased rates. The last would practically commit Congress to higher rates.

Opposition Certain. Strenuous opposition to the legislative program of the President is a certainty. All the influence of organized labor will be turned against the Canadian principle. And there will be powerful opposition in Congress to enlarging the Interstate Commerce Commission at this time, until the joint committee has reported.

Furthermore, Congress is not likely to take any course which may be construed as sanctioning higher rates.

Altogether, there will be stormy times over railroad matters within Congress and without.

Brotherhood heads saw the President and Department of Justice officials late yesterday. Whether they will strike if the Adamson law is not enforced after January 1, they do not definitely say, though Government officials predict conflict.

Brotherhoods will aid the department in the effort to uphold the Adamson law, and it is believed the President has been given to understand by the brotherhood heads they will submit to the orderly procedure of the courts.

As for the joint committee of Congress, it will begin formal hearings Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

To Initiate Testimony. The railway executives' advisory committee will initiate the testimony according to a decision reached by the joint committee in the course of a two-hour executive session yesterday afternoon. As to the discussion of the joint committee method of procedure, the committee decided that the best purposes of the hearing would be served to have the railroad executives state their views on the railroad problem. The decision was reached unanimously, Chairman Newlands said.

The committee decided also to hold one session each day, lasting from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock. No session will be held today because the railroad executives require time in which to prepare their views for presentation. A session will be held Wednesday because Congressmen Adamson and Egan, who are members of the joint committee, must attend a conference on a bill which the last session of Congress did not dispose of.

In outlining procedure the committee did not undertake to determine who shall be heard after the railroad executives have been heard. Senator Newlands, chairman of the joint committee, said he was not informed which of the railroad executives will appear first, but that the committee had reached its decision on the assurance that the executives would be heard in readiness to appear at the pleasure of the committee.

Guinea Pig Doctor Aids In Resetting Broken Leg

WOODLAND, Cal., Nov. 21.—C. B. McCombs, limotype operator, while chasing a street car in July last slipped and fractured his right leg. The injury did not respond to treatment, and the leg started to sink.

Recently a guinea pig ran between the legs of McCombs, causing him to fall.

The leg reset the bone properly. And McCombs is walking without a cane for the first time in weeks, and expects his leg to assume its former length.

Muffer for Roosters. TOLEDO, Ohio, Nov. 21.—If the lovers of sleep were awarding the Nobel prize, Ernie Haines would surely get it. He is a sleep expert and an inventive nature. Ernie invented a muffer for crowing roosters.

Doctor Tells How to Strengthen Eyesight 50 per cent In One Week's Time In Many Instances

A Free Prescription You Can Have Filled and Use at Home.

Philadelphia, Pa. Do you wear glasses? Are you a victim of eye strain or other eye weaknesses? If so, you will be glad to know that according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope for you. Many whose eyes were failing say they have had their eyes restored through the principle of vision.

One man says, after trying it: "I was almost blind; could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without any glasses and my eyes do not water any more. At night they would pain dreadfully; now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me."

A lady who used it says: "The atmosphere seemed hazy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for fifteen days everything seems clear. I can even read the print without glasses." It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time and be able to see more clearly. The free prescription is available to be spared the trouble and expense

of ever getting glasses. Eye troubles of many descriptions may be wonderfully benefited by following the simple directions here in this description. Go to any active drug store and get a bottle of Bon-Opto tablets. Drop one Bon-Opto tablet in a fourth of a glass of water and allow it to dissolve. With this liquid bathe the eyes two to four times daily. You should notice your eyes clear up perceptibly right from the start and in a few days the vision will quickly disappear. If your eyes are bothering you, even a little, take steps to save them now before it is too late. Many hopelessly blind might have been saved if they had cared for their eyes in time.

When the above article was submitted, said: "Bon-Opto is a very remarkable remedy. Its constituent ingredients are well known to eminent eye specialists and widely prescribed by them. The manufacturers guarantee it to give relief in 100 per cent of the cases. It is in many instances or refund the money. It can be obtained from any good druggist and is one of the very few preparations I feel should be kept on hand for regular use. In almost every family it is sold in Washington by O'Donnell and other druggists."

Red Cross to Send Xmas Socks to Men on Border

Every soldier, regular or militia-man, now stationed on the Mexican border or in Mexico, will receive this Christmas a pair of socks, the gift of the American Red Cross.

Each sock in every pair, will be stuffed with presents for the soldiers. The socks will be welcomed by the soldiers, and so will the socks, according to General Pershing.

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W. S. Stone Tells A. F. of L. the Nation Will Face Unfinished Business.

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wanted, but as good citizens we bowed to the will of Congress. The present suits by the railroads are not against the brotherhoods. They are against the Government under which we live. They are willing to say they are greater than the Government, that they will disregard the law."

Was First to Speak. Stone was the first of the four brotherhood representatives to speak. With the others, he motored over from Washington this morning.

"I come with a message of good will from the locomotive engineers," he said. "We four executives are thoroughly happy and thoroughly well contented, though we have had 100 injunctions served on us during the past five days and are expecting more in the next few days."

Stone said that more had happened to help the cause of labor during the past twelve months than in as many years previous.

"You no doubt have read of the \$8,000,000 combine of employers," he said. "That doesn't worry organized labor in the least."

The speaker then turned to the absence of A. B. Garretson, indicated that the brotherhoods would line up in support of the Adamson law as opposed to the feelings in the federal act that the eight-hour day should be obtained without legislation, when the said "I believe the Adamson act will serve our purpose."

SLOT MACHINES IN TOILS OF THE LAW

Philadelphia Sealer of Weights to Do Away With Them.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21.—Here was the arrangement of automatic weighing machines of the coin-in-the-slot variety by John Virdin, county commissioner of weights and measures.

"You step on a machine some fine, bright morning when your grapefruit has filled the void in your stomach and you find you've lost thirty pounds overnight. The world turns blue. You go home, scold your wife, push the children, call for hot water bags in a loud voice and send for a doctor."

"You're ready to swear you have locomotor ataxia, appendicitis or a canker. Then you're just as likely to discover that you've gained ten, twenty, or thirty pounds in twenty-four hours. Then you fear your brains are turning to fat, and you go on a diet."

"I know, because the things have affected me the same way. They make me feel persons than you imagine. And we're going to stop it. I'll seal up the things and find a law to justify me afterward."

UNBALANCED YOUTH KILLS HIS MOTHER

Posse Pursues Him Among Craggs of Minnehaha Park.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 21.—Among the frost-nipped crags of the vast Minnehaha Falls Park today a posse is searching for Fred Larson, nineteen, charged with matricide. As his sixty-year-old mother was sitting down to Sunday evening supper, Fred, it is alleged, crushed her skull with a hammer. Then he escaped into Minnehaha Falls park. Neighbors believe he had been there for a year. His delusion was that his mother sought to harm him. Instead she steadily refused to have him taken to an asylum.

Place Emergency Food in Woods for Lost Hunters

ESCANABA, Mich., Nov. 21.—The Northern Forestry Protective Association, through its secretary, Thomas Wyman, is placing in hunting camps throughout the upper peninsula emergency grub boxes made of metal and porcupine proof. The contents of each will consist, in part, of the following:

Hardtack, dried foods, including corn, peas, beef cubes, sugar, dried milk, skillet, pail, knives, fork, spoon, cups, machines, candles, game and forest fire laws, locations of camps and directions for getting out if lost.

Those who find the boxes are warned to use the contents sparingly and only at need.

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COMMON SENSE

When you neglect your teeth, you neglect your health. Decayed teeth can't masticate food properly. Food goes to your stomach without proper mixture with saliva, and the trouble begins. You blame it on everything but your teeth—either because you don't realize that they are in bad condition, or you're afraid of the dentist.

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ASKS USE OF TWO CAR LINES' TRACKS

Old Dominion Protective Body Would Insure Convenience at 34th Street Bridge.

Joint use of the tracks of the Capital Traction Company and the Washington Railway and Electric Company by the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company, upon completion of the Key Bridge at Thirty-fourth and M streets northwest, is urged by the Old Dominion Protective Association in a petition filed with the Public Utilities Commission today by Attorneys E. Hilton Jackson and James Sherier.

The association, it is stated, was organized for the purpose of "promoting the interests of the patrons, and ship- pers living along the line of the Old Dominion railway."

The matter, it is stated, is of great public interest to approximately 20,000 persons who would use the new bridge daily.

Early action is requested, because, it is stated, large expenditures are contemplated by the Washington and Old Dominion railway and interested individuals upon the assumption that the north end of the new bridge is to be \$8,000,000 combine of employers.

The application is made under section 3 of the public utilities act, which provides for the use of tracks of one public utility by another "whenever public convenience and necessity require such use and such use will not result in injury to the owners or other users of such equipment."

The petitioners ask that an order be issued requiring the railway companies to appear and show cause why the track arrangement should not be entered into.

BAPTISTS IN SESSION AT DISTRICT CHURCH

The annual meeting of the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches of the District convened at the First Baptist Church last evening. The Rev. William Allen Wilbur presiding.

The Rev. B. D. Gave, pastor of West Washington Baptist Church, pronounced the invocation, and the Rev. Gave Griffith Johnson spoke on "A Contrast Without a Contradiction."

The session opened this morning with the reading of letters from the different churches. Reports from the executive board, the building and loan fund committee, and treasurer were on the program for this afternoon.

The Rev. John F. Vines, of Roanoke, Va., representing the Southern Baptist convention, and the Rev. J. H. Franklin, representing the Southern convention, will address the session this evening.

The session will continue through tomorrow.

IF BACK HURTS USE SALTS FOR KIDNEYS

Eat less meat if Kidneys feel like lead or Bladder bothers.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get clogged and need a flushing occasionally; else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act like new. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending any inflammation.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

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